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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 10.9 PERCENT IN 1987 AND 2.7 PERCENT IN DECEMBER

Washington, D.C., January 22, 1988 -- U.S. scheduled airline passenger traffic, including domestic and international operations, increased 10.9 percent in 1987 and 2.7 percent in December, the Air Transport Association reported today.

For the year overall, domestic passenger traffic was up 7.9 percent, and available seat miles rose 6.2 percent. The load factor was 61.8 percent compared to 60.8 percent for 1986.

International passenger traffic for 1987 gained 24.6 percent. Available seat miles were up 11.6 percent, and the load factor was 65.6 percent, up from 58.7 percent for 1986.

Domestic passenger traffic in December declined 0.6 percent from December, 1986. Available seat miles increased 1.5 percent. The load factor was 57.9 percent compared to 59.1 percent for December, 1986.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in December rose 19.4 percent. Available seat miles were up 15.1 percent, and the load factor was 60.0 percent, up from 57.8 percent in December, 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

DECEMBER 1987 - 1986

		DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPMs (000)	ASMs (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPMs (000)	ASMs (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	24,880,724	42,954,490	57.9	314,003,176	508,091,778	61.8
	86	25,026,009	42,339,823	59.1	290,921,299	478,519,965	60.8
PERCENT CHANGE		(0.6)	1.5		7.9	6.2	
INTERNATIONAL	87	5,964,885	9,938,200	60.0	78,428,179	119,634,594	65.6
	86	4,994,714	8,634,695	57.8	62,935,636	107,215,540	58.7
PERCENT CHANGE		19.4	15.1		24.6	11.6	
TOTAL	87	30,845,609	52,892,690	58.3	392,431,355	627,726,372	62.5
	86	30,020,723	50,974,518	58.9	353,856,935	585,735,505	60.4
PERCENT CHANGE		2.7	3.8		10.9	7.2	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.